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SUBJECT: OSLO HOMICIDE CASE: MINNA THOMPSON

REF: OSLO 4433

THE FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A PRESS RELEASE

FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DATED JUNE 10, 1975:

1. "APRIL 24, 1974 A HOMICIDE WAS REPORTED COMMITTED AT THE FOLLOWING

ADDRESS, DAGALIVEIEN 25, OSLO. THE 31 YEAR OLD DANISH BORN WIFE
OF THE 1ST SECRETARY AT THE SPANISH EMBASSY, AT THE TIME CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES A.I. IN OSLO, WAS FOUND MURDERED.

2. "OSLO POLICE HAVE INVESTIGATED THE CASE. IN THE BEGINNING, THE
NORWEGIAN POLICE WERE ASSISTED BY TWO SPANISH POLICEMEN, WHO
CAME TO NORWAY AT THE REQUEST OF THE NORWEGIAN POLICE. LATER
AN INVESTIGATION WAS MADE IN DENMARK, SWEDEN, AND THE UNITED
STATES.

3. "A FEW DAYS AFTER THE HOMICIDE WAS REPORTED, A 25 YEAR OLD
AMERICAN WOMAN WHO STAYED IN OSLO THE WEEK WHEN THE HOMICIDE
WAS COMMITTED, WAS SUSPECTED AND LATER CHARGED WITH THE
MURDER OF THE DIPLOMAT'S WIFE. HOWEVER, NO FORMAL CHARGE
WAS MADE AT THAT TIME SINCE THE AMERICAN CITIZEN, SUSPECTED
AS THE MURDERER, HAD ALREADY RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.

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4. "THE ACCUSED HAS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE AND DECLARED HERSELF INNOCENT.

5. "AFTER THE INVESTIGATION, WHICH IS NOW CONSIDERED COMPLETE, THE OSLO POLICE AND EIDSIVATING STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AGREED THAT A CHARGE SHOULD BE BROUGHT AGAINST THE AMERICAN WOMAN. THE COURT HAS NOT MADE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, BUT THIS DOES NOT PREVENT THE CHARGE FROM BEING MADE.

6. "THE CHARGED WOMAN HAS DURING QUESTIONING DECLARED HERSELF NOT WILLING TO APPEAR BEFORE A NORWEGIAN COURT IF A CHARGE IS BROUGHT AGAINST HER. ACCORDING TO THE EXTRADITION TREATY IN FORCE WITH THE UNITED STATES, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REQUEST SHE BE EXTRADITED. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN LAW, IT IS NOT LEGALLY POSSIBLE TO BRING A COURT CHARGE IN THE U.S. AGAINST SOMEONE, (THIS APPLIES TO U.S. CITIZENS AS WELL), FOR CRIMINAL ACTS COMMITTED OUTSIDE OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE U.S. IN A CASE LIKE THIS. A TRANSFER OF THE COURT CASE TO THE UNITED STATES IS, THEREFORE, OUT OF THE QUESTION.

7. "EVEN IF IT IS AT PRESENT NOT POSSIBLE TO BRING THIS CASE INTO COURT, THE STATE ATTORNEY HAS, BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE EVIDENCE, DECIDED TO BRING A CHARGE OF INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE AGAINST THE AMERICAN WOMAN IN THE EIDSIVATING COURT OF ASSIZE.

8. "BECAUSE THE ACCUSED IS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, THE CASE IS DROPPED FOR THE PRESENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT, SECTION 285.

9. "A NEW REQUEST FOR THE ARREST OF MINNA THOMPSON WILL BE MADE AND HER NAME WILL THEREAFTER APPEAR ON A "WANTED LIST" IN ALL COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATE. JUNE 10, 1975."
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